

HUNTS HUMAN SKULLS

Peculiar Hobby Which Occupies Leisure Time of a Texan.

Has Visited "Dry Lands and Countries in Search of the Odd Curious and He Has an Interesting Collection.

The following advertisement appeared in the newspapers of St. Joseph, Mo., recently:

"Wanted—Human skulls! must be in good condition; will pay liberally for fine specimens. Apply Hotel M. Charles W. Jenkins."

Jenkins was a temporary resident of St. Joseph, where he has considerable realty interests, but his real home is in Corpus Christi, Tex. He has probably the oddest fad of any collector of curios who has ever been a resident of that city. Mr. Jenkins is very anxious to increase his collection of skulls, and in the possession of medical students, physicians and colleges of St. Joseph are specimens taken from various burying grounds that have been unearthed in the excavations for buildings on sites that hundreds of years ago were repositories for the dead of the ancient red man.

"I have now in my possession, 348 perfect specimens of human skulls," says Mr. Jenkins. "They represent the human race of many ages; and I find them an interesting study indeed. How did I come to indulge in such a strange fad? Well, in my youth I made a study of anatomy, and became intensely interested in the construction of the human frame. I gradually acquired a taste for this form of bric-a-brac."

"I got my real start as a collector of skulls in 1887. During excavations in St. Joseph on property in the possession of my father several specimens of an ancient race were exhumed, and a straightway found a resting place upon a shelf in a cabinet in my home. I visited the former home of the mound builder in Colorado and New Mexico, where other specimens of the ancient inhabitants were discovered. They differ materially from the skulls found in St. Joseph. Then I visited the holy land in search of specimens. From there I drifted to the lands of the Pharaohs of Egypt. Here some valuable acquisitions were made. I have tramped over the Pampas of South America, the mountains of Peru and Chili, and even penetrated into the wildernesses of the Amazon, where, in deposits of earth and stone, I have brought to light perfect specimens of human skulls, representing periods which history does not chronicle."

"In my experiments I have found that some skulls take on a very beautiful polish, and I must say that, under the hand of a skilled artisan, they are made magnificent. These specimens occupy a cabinet by themselves. I have a number of skulls taken from the wreck of the Galveston storm. I also have specimens from other disasters on this and other continents. Five victims of the Mont Pelée disaster are represented in my collection. This business of collecting skulls is a great aid in the study and retention of important facts in history. I have in my possession the skulls of men at times prominent in the history of this nation. How I came to have them I do not care to say. However, money is a means of gratifying the tastes of anyone who cares to make a collection of this kind. Because I have acquired a liking for this work, I spend much time during the winter months wandering about between rows of grinning heads, philosophizing, after the fashion of the grave digger in Hamlet, upon the brevity of human life."

"SUICIDE CLUB" FLOURISHES.

Young Women of Boise, Idaho, Have Organization and Choose Victims by Lot.

Boise, Idaho, has a fully organized suicide club. That it is ready for business and has already transacted considerable business is shown by the fact that at least three of its members have "shuffled off" by the suicide route within a period of as many months.

The fact of the existence of the organization became known to the police in an investigation into the death of Grace Ashton, its latest victim. She died from morphine poisoning on a third attempt at suicide, both of her previous attempts having been frustrated through reasonable discovery by friends.

Another young woman friend of Miss Ashton attempted suicide by taking poison, but recovered, and it was through her that the existence of the club was made known. The club is regularly organized with a strong membership—all young women—and holds meetings at regular intervals. It transpires that at each meeting a new victim is chosen by lot, who is to "pass off" before the time for the next meeting by one of the usual methods adopted in such cases, the particular mode being optional with the candidate.

Philippine Positions Not Wanted. Positions in the Philippines seem to go begging. Several months ago Col. Edwards, chief of the insular bureau, called upon the civil service commission to certify candidates for 150 teachers' positions paying from \$2,000 to \$900 per annum. There were few applicants, fewer took the examination, and only 42 were found eligible for appointment. Another examination will, therefore, be held early in October. The insular bureau will not permit women to take the examination for these positions, and the duties or pay of pedagogues do not seem to appeal to the young men of the country.

Part of the Population. Paris uses 200,000,000 snails as food annually. And yet, says the Washington Star, the town is not so slow.

INDIAN TRIBES ARE ALLIED.

Cheyennes and Arapahoes Have Always Been More or Less Closely Associated.

From a very early period the Cheyennes and Arapahoes have been more or less associated with each other, says the Arapahoe Bee. They seemed to have lived more or less in the same localities, moving from time to time from the same general causes. Their language is essentially different, so they do not understand each other, except as they have learned each other's language. This, in many cases, they have done, largely through the sign language, which is common to western Indians. These two tribes have largely intermarried. These intermarriages have existed for many years. There are many cases of men 60 years old and more, speaking both languages, who can say that they are half Cheyenne and half Arapahoe.

Like the Cheyennes, the Arapahoes have been divided, a portion of the Arapahoes now being on a reservation in Wyoming, while others associated with the Cheyennes are now in Oklahoma. The Arapahoes are more submissive to the white man's rule and obey more readily the government orders. Under wise and beneficial management on the part of the white man they are capable of being made an industrious and self-supporting people. They are, in their way, a religious people. The Arapahoes have a large number of songs more or less religious. They are also now very much diseased. Tuberculosis in its various forms abounds. The death rate in recent years from various causes is large.

TRUE, BUT NOT BIBLICAL.

Many Proverbs Credited to Good Book Which Are Not in It—Some Notable Instances.

There are scores of wise saws, all containing more or less of truth, which are almost universally supposed to be in the Bible which cannot be found in its pages. One of the chief of these sentences is: "He tempers the wind to the shorn lamb." You would search the Bible pretty thoroughly before you would find that sentence in it. Where you would find it would be in Sterne's "Sentimental Journey."

Sterne gets a good deal of praise for the origination of this sentence, says the Chicago Chronicle, but it was originated, as a matter of fact, before he was born. In a collection of French proverbs published in 1594 we find: "Dieu mesure le vent à la brebis tondu." That convicts Sterne of plagiarism.

"In the midst of life we are in death"—everybody thinks that is in the Bible. It isn't, though; it is in the burial service.

"That he who runs may read." This is another sentence supposed, wrongly, to be Biblical. It is not Biblical, though the Bible has something very like it—namely: "That he may run that readeth."

"Prone to sin as the sparks fly upward." The Bible nowhere contains those words.

"A nation shall be born in a day." The nearest thing to that in the good book is: "Shall a nation be born at once?"

OPIUM IN DIVERSE FORMS.

Devotes of Drug Choose Various Ways of Obtaining Its Effects—Smoking Most Common.

Customers of opium are not all of the same kind. There are slaves of the pipe, slaves of the syringe and slaves of the powder that is swallowed to give surcease of pain or of mental worry. There are those who take the drug in the form of a medicinal preparation, such as laudanum, paregoric and the extract of laudanum; those who smoke it and inhale the fumes into the lungs; and those who take hypodermic injections of morphia. The second class—the smokers—comprises the largest number of victims.

Dr. Jelliffe, of the New York city hospital, estimates that fully 30,000 people in that city are addicted to the opium habit in some form. The annual sale of opium in Vermont is equivalent, according to the doctor, to a grain for every adult in the state, an amount obviously far greater than can be accounted for by its consumption for medicinal purposes.

Some slaves to the drug take it regularly every day; others have periodical aprees similar to those of the alcohol drinker.

Latest Sea-Serpent Story.

A recent sea-serpent story coming from England tells how a marine monster apparently tried to swallow the good ship Glengrant, of Fraserburgh. At the first onslaught it lifted the vessel "at least six feet" as it dived underneath her, but, fortunately, when it came on again the only sailor man who kept his head dashed below and got a gun. It is not known whether he hit it; at any rate, the monster had had enough and cleared off. The sailors say this serpent was nearly 200 feet in length, with a head like a seahorse, a long mane, great green, glistening eyes and an enormous mouth and teeth.

Positions for Sharpshooting.

Standing, kneeling, sitting and lying down are the four positions prescribed for firing by the army regulations. The lying position alone is prescribed for the 800 and 1,000-yard ranges, while at all other ranges up to 200 yards the lying and sitting positions are used. At 100 and 200 yards the sitting and standing positions are prescribed. Wherever the sitting position is prescribed the kneeling may be substituted, but for the majority of persons the sitting is by far the better position of the two.

A Kansas Murder Mystery.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 26.—Sheriff George A. Young, of Butler county, is here seeking clues to the murder of William Jones, 21 years old, who was found dead beside the road leading to his home near Haverhill Monday morning. There was a bullet hole under one eye and a similar hole in the brim of his hat, which was found nearby. There were also wounds on his face and neck. He had money in his pockets when found.

The body was found by Charles Wright, a farmer, who first saw the dead man's team wandering nearby. It is thought that Jones was killed in his buggy. Harry Henderson, who accompanied Jones to Leon Saturday night, is in jail in Eldorado, but denies any knowledge of the death. He is being held as a witness. A coroner's jury brought in a sealed verdict.

Two Killed in Macon, Mo.

Macon, Mo., Dec. 26.—In a fight between Italian and negro miners in Howard's saloon in the Central Coal & Coke colliery district last night two Italians were shot and killed and one dangerously wounded. "Mug" Woods, a negro, was arrested here this morning while on his way to Iowa and accused of partisanship in the killing. He said he was in the saloon, but not in the fight. He said he did not know anything except that bullets were flying every way and he crawled under the counter.

Charged With Bigamy.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 26.—Aaron M. Bal, 65 years old, a veteran of the civil war, has been arrested at his home on a warrant sworn out by his bride of six weeks, charging him with bigamy.

Mrs. Ball asserts that she has discovered that her husband has a wife living at Wichita, Kan., from whom he was only temporarily separated. She believes that he may have others. Ball's defense is that he understood that his first wife was dead.



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Now at this day comes the plaintiff by her attorney before the undersigned clerk of the circuit court of Bates county in the state of Missouri, in vacation, and files her petition, stating among other things that the above named defendants Virginia Quisenberry and W. S. Quisenberry are non-residents of the state of Missouri. Whereupon it is ordered by the clerk in vacation that the defendants be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against them in this court by petition the object and general nature of which is to enforce the lien of the state of Missouri for the delinquent taxes of the year 1901, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$1.97 together with interest, costs, commissions and fees, upon the following described tracts of land situated in Bates county, Missouri, to-wit:

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And it is further ordered by the clerk aforesaid that a copy hereof be published in the BUTLER WEEKLY TIMES, a weekly newspaper printed and published in Bates county, Missouri, for four weeks successively, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the first day of the next term of said court. A true copy of the record.

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